# DIVIDENDS REDUCE ST. PAUL SURPLUS

Railroad Is Obliged to Draw on Previous Profits for \$11,000,000.

NET INCOME IS BADLY CUT

Company May Take Advantage of Law to Secure Fair Earnings.

The Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway had to dow on its surplus account to the extent of more than \$11,one, oce, the annual report issued this gerning shows, in order to pay the \$109,206, or 7 per cent. dividends, paid in 1917 on the preferred stock and the \$5.283.270, or 416 per cent. dividends, paid last year on the common stock. In consequence no dividend on either class of stock has been paid thus far this year although in the regular course of events one would have been paid on

March 1.

The net income in 1917 was only \$1,468,632, and charges to profit and loss for unamortised discount on bonds sold and for equipment destroyed or dismantled, &c., consumed \$2,348,846 of the

able to could be surplus. While no dividends out of the surplus. While no dividends were paid on March 1 the beard has been unwilling to admit that either dividend has been passed, but merely announced "no action" at the columns February 20. Mr. Truesdale in his remarks to stockholders, omitted his remarks to stockholders, omitted the stockholders and the second stockholders. conclusion of each board meeting. Bankers in the financial district, however, find it difficult to discover a basis for preferred or common stock dividend declarations by the St. Paul, and the consensus of the country under the war conditions

report by A. J. Earling, chairman of the board, and reprinted here in part:

his act also provides that if no such agreement is made, or pending the exwhite under Federal control an annual the estimated annual amount of just As in the previous year, the chief delays compensation, remitting the company, in suffered were due to the shortage of where no agreement is made, to us case where no agreement is made to the legal rights for any balance claimed to forward the overmeas traffic. This at the remedies provided in section 3 of the act by filing its petition in the Court which affected the movement of domes-

part thereof shall constitute an accept-

The alternative is therefore pretio the heavy demand for anthracite coal is the day, closing at net gains of 5 to sented of making an agreement with the irresident, or failing that to resort to demand. The increase in earnings from the remedies provided in the act for obtaining the just compensation the company is found to be legally entitled to for the use and possession of its railfor the use and possession of its railgers transported was \$614,975, or 7.09

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company through its proper officets is now negotiating for such an agreement and hopes to be able to submit to the stockholders at the coming annual 1916 over the previous year, meeting to be held in the city of Mil. \$6,794,168, or 15.17 per cent. ing to be held in the city of Mil-REVOKES TREASURY DECISION.

In the local spot market business time the negotiations have not addred to the point where the terms of agreement may be presented to the company by the compa

the \$16,668,261 reported in 1916. several persons one of the owners may be a several persons one of the owners and a severa expenses rose \$11,430,913, reased \$1,037,092 and charges \$1,280,185. At the same time was a reduction in interest received The salient features of the in

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### RAILROAD EARNINGS. NEW YORK, CHICAGO & ST. LOUIS

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MORE ARGENTINE CREDIT.

Similar Action.

Other South Americans May Take

To stabilize exchange with Argentina the latter Government yesterday started to build another credit with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York by making a substantial deposit with that institution. This is the second credit to be established by Argentina at the local Federal Reserve Bank, the first having amounted to \$40,000,000. No information could be obtained yesterday as to the size of the present credit.

Under an agreement with the Federal Reserve Bank American importers who purchase goods in Argentine make a deposit with the Reserve Bank for the account of the Argentine Government, which in turn pays the Argentine exporter in paper pesos.

Arrangements for the establishment of credits here by other South American countries are also understood to be under consideration.

Company's Report Shows Earnings of 40.6 on Capital Stock.

At least one railroad last December was able to turn all its properties over mantied, &c., consumed \$2,348,346 of the facome. As a result the balance for dividends is only \$2,120,258 and dividends aggregating \$13,392,476 were paid. The payment, however, reduced the profit and loss surplus from \$42,247,384 at the beginning of the year to \$30,975, 114 at its close.

Since December 29, 1917, when the Government acquired control of the St. Faul, the road's directors have been unsile to continue the policy of paying dividends out of the surplus. While no dividends were paid on March 1 the board has been unwilling to admit that either dividend has been passed, but

paid for some time to come.

The St. Paul management, however, is making an effort to secure a rental from the Government that will be adequate for dividend payments. The possibility of by the act of Congress, it did so with all tory contract is impossible of negotia-tion is indicated by the following notice to stockholders inserted in the annual it serves, the maximum service of which it serves, the maximum service of which its railways and rolling stock are capable. "This company's traffic, while by no means so large in volume or difficult to handle as that of several of the larger and more important systems in the Eastern territory, was very heavy throughout the entire year, as its earnings in every branch of its service show. "Generally speaking, it was able to handle its traffic promptly, expeditiously and to the satisfaction of its patrons. As in the previous year, the chief delays

> "There was a marked increase in the earnings from the transportation of coal, i. e., \$2,655,046, or 18.34 per cent., due to the heavy demand for anthracite coal

"The total increase in transportation revenues was \$5,630,325, or 10.92 per cent. This is noteworthy, in view of the fact that this increase follows that of

The situation which thus confronts and custody of more than one estate or trust and said estates and trusts have the company is of such importance as to trust and said estates and trusts have as assets bonds of corporations, &c., this office will hereafter require that a certificate of ownership be executed for a confice will hereafter regardless of the same in the large of \$4.465.532 according to fact that the bonds are of the same in Net income of \$4,468,632, according to fact that the bonds are of the same is Nor annual report, was \$11,599,629 less and the \$16,608,261 reported in 1916.

# FRENCH BANKS PAY \$5.000,000.

Funds to the amount of \$5,060,000 for the payment on May 7 of the second in-stalment of the \$15,000,000 French ex-

United States. Of the most recent credit there remains only \$5,000,000 to be paid Gold coin and bullon.

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# U. S. RUNS RAILS AT \$90,000,000 LOSS

First Three Months of Government Operation Results in Deficit.

BAD WEATHER IS CAUSE

Administration Officials Expect Recovery in Last Half of Present Year.

WASHINGTON, May 8 .- It cost the United States Government \$90,000,000 to operate the railroads during the first three months of this year, according to figures furnished to-day by the Interstate Commerce Commission for 114 railroads. This is the first time that the general public has been able to obtain any statistics with which to compare the profitableness or unprofitableness of running the railroads under Government

Railroad Administration officials de-clare they looked for such a record as a result of bad weather and traffic losses in January. The severe drop in reve-nues is also attributed in substantial measure to the congestion that prevailed throughout the greater part of the country on the common carriers during January, February and March of this year. Railroad Administration officials believe however, that the loss will be made up in the later months.

The Interstate Commerce Commission's

private direction.

Operating revenues during the quar-ter's operation by the Government showed an expansion and amounted to \$726.011.329, compared with \$688,173.857 in 1917. Operating expenses by reason of larger wages and increased costs for of larger wags and increased costs for materials rose from \$512.775,369 in the first three months of 1917 to \$637,784,605 for the same period this year. Net revenue totalled \$88,226,721, against \$175,393,488 for the same three months a year ago. Operating income for March declined \$6,963,785 and amounted to \$50,-628,302.

normal, are almost twice as much as in Pebruary and are much better than in January, when a deficit in railway operating income was reported. For the first time the Interestate Com-merce Commission reported the item of "net operating income," which is the

basis for Government compensation. This for the 114 roads reporting amounted to \$46,895,000, which is the operating income, less expenditures for equipment, rents and joint facility rents. For the same roads in the corresponding period of last year this item was \$134.

incomplete, since returns are expected from eighty-two additional roads.

### COFFEE MARKET.

all the morning. Prices advanced later

there are anxious to make sales, but the scarcity of ocean tonnage is preventing business. The Government has prac-tically taken control of the entire situation and while it is believed that ship-ments during May and June may be in the season are looked upon as a great

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& Co., Inc.

This makes a total of \$55,000,000 repaid by the French banks against four credits of \$15,000,000 each which have been arranged from time to time by Bonbright & Co. to finance part of France's large purchases of war materials in the there remains TRUST FUND. 1152,970,025

### FINANCIAL NOTES.

Am. R'ys Co. pf., q. 1% % May 8
Am. Radiator Co., q. 3% June 20
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# **CURB STOCKS MOVE**

statistics show net operating income of f54,108,561 for the first three months of large as in the previous session, howthis year. This compares with \$144,011.399 for the corresponding period in 1917,
when the common carriers were under ing the early losses. Business was not

> Martin Aircraft rallied after early weakfirm.
> The motor stocks were again weak,

the sciling pressure being attributed to the demand of the Government that the output of steel companies should be used only for war purposes. But this does not damage much, as many of the motor companies at present are engaged in the manufacture of war sup-

Garrard Comly, vice-president of the Citizena National Bank of New York, has been commissioned a Major in the National Army.

At a meeting of Mercantile Trust Deposit Company, P. T. Walker, agent of the Royal Bank of Canada in New York, was elected a director. The company completed the first year of its business exist.

### PRODUCE MARKETS.

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CURB STOCKS MOVE

TO HIGHER LEVELS

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BEANS AND PEAS—Receipts. 2.600 bags beans and 450 bags peas. Marrow, choice. 100 bs., \$14; common to good, \$12.750 farrow, Manchurian, \$14; pea., choice. \$18.25 gis. common to good, \$12.750 farrow, Manchurian, \$14.250 good, \$12.918; common to good, \$12.750 fla.20; washington, California, \$13.250 fla.20; washington, California, \$13.250 fla.20; washington, California, \$13.250 fla.20; washington, California, \$13.250 fla.20; small white, California, \$13.250 fla.20; small white, California, \$13.250 fla.20; small white, California, \$13.250 fla.20; common to good, \$12.750 fla.20; comm

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POULTRY, LIVE—Four cars unleaded,
BROILERS—express, 80 29e, young
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motor companies at present are engaged in the manufacture of whr supples, such as shells, motors and airplane parts.

Independent oil and mining stocks registered slight advances in some of the more active shares.

Bonds were moderately active and firm.

Sales and quotations follow:

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### OUT OF TOWN MARKETS

BOSTON BALTIMORE.

BALTIMORE, May 3 .- Trading quiet, BOSTON, May 3 .- There was profit taking in copper shares resulting in with no decided trend to prices, moderate declines from high points, but tone remained steady. A. G. & W. I. Sales. Onen High Lo

showed strength. Railroads quiet. Sum-

TORONTO CLOSING. PORCUPINE

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